



**El Cajon Collaborative**  
 Core Team Meeting Minutes  
 July 15, 2014/ 8:00-9:30 am  
 Little House 131 Avocado Ave. El Cajon, CA 92020

**Core Team Meeting Purpose:**  
 To provide oversight and direction for the interagency partnership  
 and implementation of initiatives of the Collaborative

Agenda Items	Action
<b>I. Welcome and Introductions, <i>participants included:</i></b> Rolland Slade, Cathy Hilton, Romalyn Watson, Dilkhwaz Ahmed, Joyce Moore, Estela De Los Rios, Barbara Ryan, Lorenzo Higley, Dana Stevens	
<b>II. Approval of June Meeting Notes</b>	June meeting notes approved with correction of data in footer.
<b>III. Accomplishing ECC's Strategic Priorities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sustaining RLA (Goal 2.a)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update on RLA UArt Project: Received grant from SD Community Foundation to cover cost of painting + stipend to artists</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Two (2) utility boxes completed. SD Community Foundation grant (\$2,000) offers coach w/expertise in painting & maintaining utility boxes. Plan is to also paint boxes around ECPD to document history of PD. Discussion regarding need to decrease graffiti – led to discussion of adding graffiti to walk audits.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Home Start CX3 Contract Amendment (Goal               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intergenerational garden/s (2 total)</li> <li>○ Walk audit</li> <li>○ Store audit/s</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Master-gardener has been engaged to steward the project. Need LHA Board approval to remove one pepper tree and trim the other. Then ready to layout and construct planting beds.
<b>IV. Collaborative Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finance Team Update</li> <li>● Requests for Letters of Support</li> </ul>	FY14/15 Budget developed based on FY13/14. Discussed & agreement re: need to keep rent as a line item. Budget approved by consensus for submission to Executive Committee for their approval.  Re: letter of support – group expressed support for a process to provide a form on the website. That form will need to be developed and reviewed at a future meeting.
<b>V. Outstanding Discussion Items</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parking &amp; building security –</li> <li>2. Revisit organizational structure of ECC</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moved to Executive Committee</li> <li>2. Moved to Executive Committee</li> </ol>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Follow-up regarding refugees in El Cajon</li> <li>4. Need to create and maintain an inventory of items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Refugee needs and role of ECC should be a major discussion for September meeting.to allow time to learn more and bring on appropriate partners. Recommendations were made to outreach to Mohammed Touma, Abdi @HHS Co Refugee Coordinator, Jewish Family Services &amp; Alliance for African Assistance</li> <li>4. Inventory can be managed when new coordinator is on staff.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VI. Roundtable</b> <i>(announcement, accomplishments, needs)</i></p>	<p>Discussion regarding the number of new arrivals in El Cajon and population needs of support and community services.</p> <p>Human resources/capacity and capability are issues. Employment and transportation are issues, exploitation and predatory businesses are issues, as well as abject poverty on the valley floor</p> <p>CSA is working with Covered CA to help clients use health cover.</p> <p>Role of the collaborative is assessment and community capacity.</p> <p>All agreed that refugees are people not just numbers.</p> <p>Pastor Slade discussed faith community organizing in the region to decrease duplication of effort, increase collaboration to better meet needs in community.</p> <p>Many welcomed Pastor Slade and expressed gratitude for the involvement of faith community.</p>

**Mission:**

The El Cajon Collaborative builds relationships, leverages resources and promotes best practices to enhance the quality of life for children, youth and families in our community.